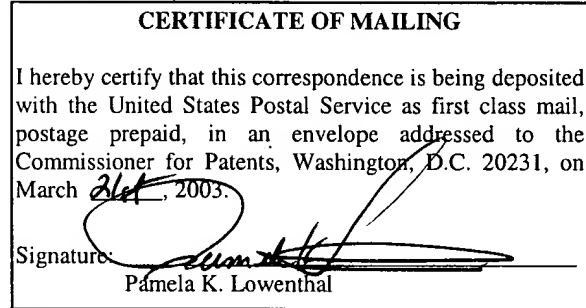




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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of:) Atty. Docket No.: 47079-00117
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Application No.: 09/965,163)
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For: Gaming Machine With Sweepstakes)
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 24, 2002. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by March 24, 2003, and this response is being submitted within that time period. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6, 8-13, 17, and 23, and 25-26. Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 14, 18, 19, 21 and 24 as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A method of playing a gaming machine, [conducting a sweepstakes,] comprising:

[conducting a game on a gaming machine, the game including random selection of a game outcome;]